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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT MARCOS'
MESSAGE ON PANAMA CANAL TREATY

PRESIDENT DESIRES TO SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO
PRESIDENT MARCOS, WHO THROUGH THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN
WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1978, SENT A CONGRATULATORY
MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE SIGNING OF THE PANAMA
CANAL TREATY BETWEEN PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES ON
THAT DATE. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION PLEASE DELIVER
AT EARLIEST APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY.

QUOTE.

WITH APPROVAL BY THE UNITED STATES SENATE OF THE TWO
PANAMA CANAL TREATIES OF 1977, AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE
TREATIES BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA, THE TWO GOVERN-
MENTS CAN NOW INITIATE A NEW COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP IN
OPERATING AND PROTECTING THE CANAL AS THE TREATIES

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PROVIDE.

I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT AS WE
HAVE MOVED TOWARD THIS HAPPY RESULT. IT HAS CONTRIBUTED
MATERIALLY TO THE SOLUTION OF A DIFFICULT INTERNATIONAL
PROBLEM, TO IMPROVED WESTERN HEMISPHERE RELATIONS, TO
THE FACILITATION OF WORLD COMMERCE, AND THUS TO WORLD

PEACE.
SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER
UNQUOTE.

FYI. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ LETTER
TO SECRETARY TRANSMITTING MARCOS MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT.
QUOTE.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT A CABLEGRAM WAS
RECEIVED TODAY FROM GENERAL CARLOS P. ROMULO, SECRETARY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PHILIPPINES, TRANSMITTING A
MESSAGE FROM H.E. PRESIDENT FERDINAND E. MARCOS TO
H.E. PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER ON THE OCCASION OF THE
SIGNING OF THE NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATY THIS AFTERNOON.

THE MESSAGE READS:
HIS EXCELLENCY
JIMMY CARTER
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
WASHINGTON, D. C.
DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND
OUR MOST SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF
THE SIGNING OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY BETWEEN PANAMA
AND THE UNITED STATES. AS AN OLD FRIEND AND HISTORICAL
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ALLY, THE PHILIPPINES WELCOMES THIS DEVELOPMENT NOT
ONLY AS AN IMPORTANT BREAKTHROUGH IN INTERSTATE RELATIONS
IN THE AMERICAS BUT ALSO AS AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION
TO THE RESOLUTION OF ISSUES BETWEEN AND AMONG NATIONS,
AND TO THE MAKING OF PEACE, STABILITY AND PROGRESS IN OUR
TIME. THE GENUINE QUALITY OF STATESMANSHIP DEMONSTRATED
DURING THE NEGOTIATION OF THIS TREATY GIVES US REASON TO
HOPE THAT POWERFUL CHANGES ARE TAKING PLACE IN THE WORLD
TODAY WHICH CAN ONLY HAVE BENEFICIAL EFFECTS UPON THE
COURSE OF INTERNATIONAL LIFE IN THE LAST QUARTER OF THIS
CENTURY AND BEYOND.

VERY TRULY YOURS,
FERDINAND E. MARCOS
PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE FOREGOING MESSAGE COULD BE
TRANSMITTED TO H.E. PRESIDENT CARTER.
UNQUOTE.
END FYI.

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